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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of **Marco FRANCIA** entitled

APPARECCHIATURA DI STOCCAGGIO PER VINI

Assignee: **GIMAR TECNO S.R.L.**

Our Ref. **Q76686**

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 16 sheets of the specification in Italian text, including the title page, claims and abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The English language translation of the specification will be submitted at a later date.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	<u>15</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$9.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$42.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$375.00</u>

TOTAL FILING FEE **\$375.00**

Recordation of Assignment **\$40.00**

TOTAL FEE **\$415.00**

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$375.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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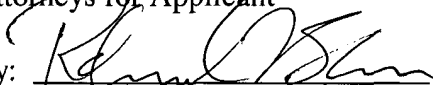
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
ITALY	TO2002A000706	August 7, 2002

The priority document will be submitted at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
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